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FROM USDEL LOS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS EFIS EC

SUBJECT: TUNA TALKS WITH ECUADOR

REF: QUITO 2373

1. DEL SURPRISED TO LEARN DEPT HAS BEEN KEEPING ECUADORIAN EMBASSY INFORMED OF WAIVER PROGRESS. IN ABSENCE OF RESPONSE TO REFTEL AND LACK OF ANY INFO ON STATUS OF WAIVER, DEL HAD HELD OFF MENTIONING WAIVER TO ECUADORIAN DEL.

2. WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT DEPT OR EMBASSY QUITO MAY HAVE BEEN SAYING TO ECUADORIANS ABOUT WIAVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO REFER TO NEED FOR INTERIM REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT ON TUNA WHICH WILL PREVENT FURTHER SEIZURES.

3. OUR CONTACTS WITH GOE MAKE CLEAR THAT LINKAGE BETWEEN WAIVER AND FURTHER COOPERATIVE DISCUSSION ON TUNA EXISTS IN THEIR MINDS AS WELL AS OURS. WE URGE THAT IN USG-GOE DISCUSSIONS OF WAIVER THAT POINT BE MADE CLEAR OUR EFFORT IN CONFERENCE HAS BEEN TO DEVELOP AGREEMENT ON TUNA ARTICLE WHICH WOULD MEET NEEDS OF STATES IN THE REGION. AT SAME TIME WE  
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HAVE KEPT IN MIND NEED TO PURSUE SHORT-TERM INTERIM

REGIONAL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD NOT PREJUDICE JURIDICAL POSITIONS BUT COULD PREVENT FUTURE SEIZURES. AS LONG AS EITHER OR BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO INSIST ON WINNING RECOGNITION OF ITS JURIDICAL POSITION NOW, A MORE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WILL REMAIN ELUSIVE.

4. (FYI) WE HAVE MAINTAINED DIALOGUE WITH GOE DEL BUT AS TUNA ISSUE HAS MOVED INTO BROADER FORUM OF EXTREMELY DIVERSE APPROACHES (AFRICANS, MICRONESIANS, OTHER DISTANT WATER FISHING STATES, AND OTHER LATINS) CONSENSUS ON DRAFT ARTICLE HAS NOT BEEN PLAUSIBLE. OUR EFFORT HAS BEEN CENTERED ON SEEKING TO INFLUENCE ADOPTION OF SINGLE TEXT ARTICLE ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY WHICH COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR LATER INTERIM NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, IT NOW SEEMS LIKELY SINGLE TEXT WILL HAVE TO LEAVE DETAILS FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATION AT TIME ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED. IN ANY CASE FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOE AND OTHERS WILL BE NECESSARY AND IT IS IMPORTANT WE BE LAYING GROUNDWORK NOW TO INSURE POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESSFUL RESULTS.

5. IN LATEST CONVERSATION WITH GOE ON APRIL 25. AMB VALENCIA AND MR. AYALA MADE CLEAR TO AMB MOORE THEY WISH TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WORKING TOWARD RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE. AMB MOORE MENTIONED WAIVER IN PROGRESS AND THEY MADE CLEAR THEY WERE AWARE OF THIS FACT AND APPRECIATED IT. AMB MOORE INDICATED WE HOPED TO PICK UP PACE OF OUR CONSULTATIONS AS SOON AS RESOLUTION OF LOS TUNA CONVERSATION ARTICLE WORKED OUT IN EVENSEN GROUP AND AMB VALENCIA CONCURRED. DALE

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